



COMB AND AWAY: Josh

Josh is heading for goal

■ by BILL MARTIN
SCHOOLBOY footballer Josh Cann hopes to carve out a Premiership career – despite growing a 4ft afro. The 16-year-old is constantly teased by team-mates over his enormous hairdo, which is 11 inches from root to tip. He spends 30 minutes a day combing and oiling his locks into a huge ball. But despite the taunts, Josh is dreaming of a pro career with a league club – perhaps Wycombe Wanderers or Wigan Athletic.

Huge

Josh, from Bristol, said: "I never want to cut my hair even though it does cause me a few problems. 'It's not going to stand in my way, I love it.' Josh, who plays left midfielder for Cadbury Heath under-16s in the Avon Youth League in Bristol, has always dreamed of being a footballer. He says his huge hairdo sometimes gets in his eyes during a match. And his bad hair days have extended to school as the year 11 pupil has to sit at the back of class at Speedwell Technology College as pupils behind him can't see a thing. Josh's manager Andrew Lee, 42, said: "Josh might run faster without the hair but he has the skill to make it with or without his afro."

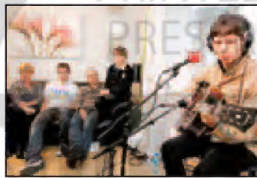
'NAZI' SANTA OUT

SHOPS in Germany have ditched Santa Claus figures after complaints their outstretched arms looked like a Nazi salute.



He's my one-derwall

OASIS star Noel Gallagher is more used to performing to packed stadiums all over the world. But yesterday the Manc rocker played an exclusive gig – for just ONE person. Ben Haynes won a competition on Radio 1's Chris Moyles show. And he was delighted when Noel, 39, dropped into his Stockport home to play a few of his hits – and have a cuppa.



Ambulance 200 miles off course!

■ by GARY NICKS

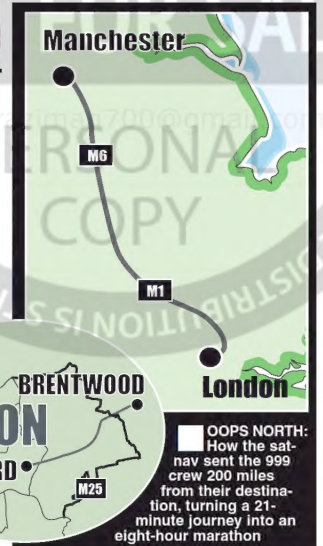
AN ambulance taking a patient on a 20-minute journey ended up 200 miles away – thanks to a dodgy sat-nav.

Two London Ambulance Service paramedics were supposed to be transferring a man eight miles across Essex from one hospital to another.

But their onboard sat-nav had a fault that sent them to MANCHESTER. The pair were new to the job and had no idea they were heading in the wrong direction. It was only when they ended up on the outskirts of Manchester that it dawned on them something wasn't right. When they radioed in they were met with stunned silence from their London control room. And they ended up making a round trip of more than 400 miles after setting off in the early hours and arriving EIGHT hours later at their intended destination.

Daft

Their instructions were to take a mentally-ill patient from King George's Hospital in Ilford, Essex, to the nearby Maccall Park Hospital in Brentwood. They punched in the details on their electronic route finder and the database correctly listed Maccall Park Hospital – but with a totally daft set of directions. London Ambulance Service yesterday put on a brave face and excused the medics, as they had not been to the hospital before and it is not unusual to do transfers outside of London. According to the AA's online route planner, their trip to Maccall Park



OOPS NORTH: How the sat-nav sent the 999 crew 200 miles from their destination, turning a 21-minute journey into an eight-hour marathon

Hospital's mental health unit should have been 7.8 miles and taken 21 minutes.

The Ambulance Service spokesman said the male patient was "comfortable" throughout the journey. He added: "A crew transferring a patient from King George's Hospital in Ilford to Maccall Park Hospital in Brentwood were misdirected as a result of an error on the mobile data terminal in the ambulance. "We believe the crew, who had not been to this particular hospital before, followed the directions given by the navigation system without manually confirming it. "We understand that they reached the outskirts of Manchester before realising their mistake.

"The patient arrived safely at Maccall Park early that afternoon." An American Four Tops tribute band missed their sell-out gig in Cheltenham, Glos – after they set their sat-nav for Chelmsford in Essex. The band ended up stranded 137 miles away, disappointing 300 Motown fans.



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BAND SPLITS ON KARLOFF

KASABIAN have finally explained the circumstances surrounding guitarist **Chris Karloff's** acrimonious departure from the band.

Cope

The axeman was unceremoniously booted out of the group during the recording sessions for latest album *Empire*, and the reasons for his dismissal have been shrouded in

secrecy. Until now, that is.

Portly bassist **Chris Edwards** revealed that Karloff could no longer cope with the excessive demands of the Leicester lads' touring schedule, not to mention their prodigious appetite for on-the-road excess.

He has since emigrated to New York after marrying an American woman.

MEET ERIC THE GREEN

ERIC Prydz is so committed to tackling climate change he's setting up a wind-farm to counter the carbon created during the production of his new single.

The dance music producer will release *Proper Education* next year – a house re-working of **Pink Floyd's** *Another Brick In The Wall*.

Shows

But Prydz, 30, is so concerned about the carbon footprint his new track will create he's establishing an eco-friendly windfarm in New Zealand. My source explains: "An environmental group will produce an analysis of every aspect of the single's promotion from production to travelling between shows." Good man.

MOTT
Good news: The X-Factor winner might be beaten for the Christmas No.1 spot. Bad news: By novelty tune *Chacarron*, from Panama's **El Chombo** – the most annoying song ever recorded.

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JOE MOTT'S
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Making

RONSON'S SET TO BE ARCTIC MONKEY OF 2007

MARK Ronson will go supernova in 2007.

Hot predicted **Arctic Monkeys** would slay all before them this year – and we were proved spectacularly right.

Now we're putting our full weight behind the little-known Brit-born producer, now of New York.

Why? Because his album is one of the greatest long-players to have graced the Hot stereo in three years.

Versions is a staggering

collection of solid gold chart classics, little-known gems and up-to-the-minute pop hits re-tooled, re-worked and generally buffed up by the production wizard.

Anthem

It's so good **Britney Spears**, 25 today, **Robbie Williams**, 32, **Paul Weller**, 48, **Kasabian** and **Kanye West**, 29, all feature in one form or another.

Britney's *Toxic* is revamped into a blinding hip-hop floor-filler. **Coldplay's** *God Put A Smile On Your*

Face is transformed from a morbid ballad into a swinging big band jazz anthem.

Robbie tackles **The Charlatans'** *The Only One I Know* while **Lily Allen**, 21, sings **Kaiser Chiefs'** *Oh My God*. Mark – whose dad was late glam-rock **Mick Ronson** – told me: "Despite the big names it's about the songs."

"With Versions I've taken these songs that I love and turned them into Motown/Stax versions." Toxic hits the shops next month. You will be seduced immediately.

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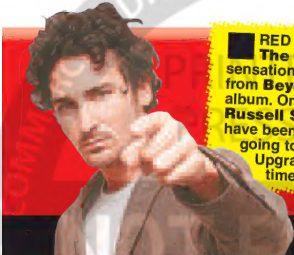
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RED hot dance music duo **The Freemasons** have sensationally snubbed an offer from **Beyoncé**, 25, to remix her album. One half of the team, **Russell Small**, said: "It would have been a great offer. We're going to remix her new single, *Upgrade You*, but we hadn't time for the entire album."

THE Manic Street Preachers have ditched the cosy sound of their last three albums and returned to their furious punk rock roots – with the help of **Green Day** producer **Rob Cavallo**. My spy tells me: "They're firing on all cylinders. There's a real urgency to the new material."

MOTT

NIZLOPI have won themselves a new super-fan. The Bard of Barking himself, **Billy Bragg**, 48, has bombarded the pair with offers to support him on tour and share studio time.

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his Mark..

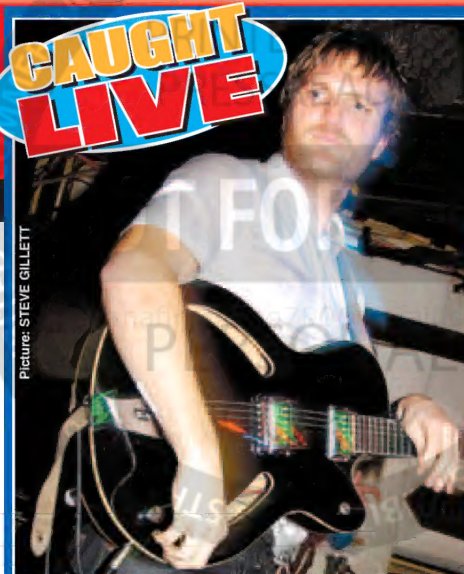
BLING IT LOUD, PETE

POTTY Pete Doherty decked himself with all the bling he could lay his hands on for his *Love Music Hate Racism* show at London's Fabric nightclub. And while the **Baby-shambles** star, 27, was strumming away inside, old mucker **Shane MacGowan**, 48, was having a little "difficulty" gaining entry. The ticket-less **Pogue** had to resort to playing door staff with handfuls of cash to secure his entrance to see his pal play.

Picture: TIMMS/XPOSURE



DOWN IN THE MOUTH: Pete sings while Shane struggles



LA-BASED **Cold War Kids** caused carnage on their first trip over here earlier this year. A more, brutal, fevered and frantic battle to sign a band to a British label you've never seen.

After much haggling, the brilliant four-piece pledged their services to V2 records. And the label have equipped themselves with a delicate, thoughtful, literate group who have the potential for super-stellar greatness.

Not for them the easily-digestible three-minute radio-slaying pop song. No, **Cold War Kids** are a considerably

COLD WAR KIDS

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more complex prospect. Intricate harmonies courtesy of guitar-playing frontman **Nathan**, above, and his rhythm guitarist **Jonnie Russell** weave around ever-shifting time signatures provided by a rhythm section of depth and power.

They're a fine antidote to the bland balladeering clogging up much of the charts. Keep a very close eye on them.

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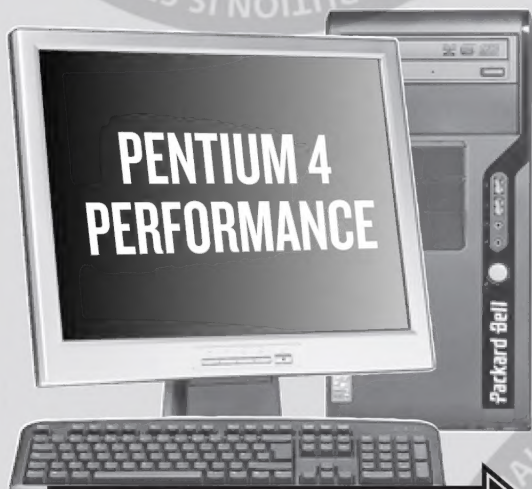
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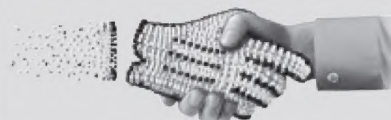
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Sir Paul warning to bitter missus

■ by NIGEL PAULEY
SIR Paul McCartney has warned estranged wife Heather to "keep your mouth shut".

The ex-Beatle said HE would continue to keep a "dignified silence" over the split.

It was a clear message to Lady Mucca that he feels she's been airing private affairs in public.

Sir Paul said: "I think it's best to keep a dignified silence about personal matters, don't you?"

The 64-year-old says he has seen shrinks - "over family matters" - but song-writing and music were his best therapy.

Crisis

And he denies being "haunted" by the break-up... or drinking heavily to drown his sorrows.

He told the Radio Times: "If a guy's going through a personal crisis you don't want a picture of him happy."

"I bet they (photographers) had 20 pictures of me looking good, and just one like that (looking haunted). I have to live with it." Macca doesn't dwell on the break-up. He



DIGNIFIED: Paul's kept quiet



ZIP IT: Heather and the cover of the Radio Times



claims: "It's made me want to move on."

Asked if song-writing helps solve his problems, he says: "Instead of sitting down with a psychiatrist, you sing: 'I've been feeling bad...'"

"I've seen psychiatrists in my time, so songwriting hasn't always worked."

It's not a bad idea to have someone to talk to."

Macca gave a rare chat to plug the new live DVD of his 2005 American tour - The Space Within US - which is being shown in part on ITV1 on Friday.

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LAUGHING FIT TO BUST

SEXY R&B singer Jamella has had to have a hernia operation because she giggled too much on telly's *Never Mind the Buzzcocks*.

The 25-year-old mum suffered abdominal pain after doubling up during the BBC2 pop quiz. She later flew to Spain for a show and collapsed on stage.

Now recovering, she said: "I just laughed too hard!"



GIGGLES: Jamella

Bangers go east

TRADITIONAL British party snacks of cocktail sausages and vol-au-vents are being replaced with exotic Oriental food like spring rolls and scallops.

The impact of travel to South America, Thailand and other Asian destinations is changing our tastes, says a report by Marks & Spencer.

Matt McAuliffe, the store's party food specialist, said: "We want to enjoy the memory of our holidays."

Top-selling fun snacks include scallops, duck spring roll, prawn cocktail shots, mushroom and spinach filo tartlets and mini chicken fajitas.

BLACKS 'NEED HEROES'



ICONS: Phillips

BEING black and male in Britain is a "lethal combination" and a "definition of failure", the UK's race relations chief said yesterday.

Trevor Phillips, 52, of the Commission for Racial Equality, said young black boys need better icons than hip-hop stars "who get shot and get put in prison".

He said more black teachers are urgently needed.

Girls' talon show

BRITISH women are spending an average of £3,200 on their nails during their lifetime.

But some girls are giving themselves a DIY manicure at home once a month rather than go to a beauty salon.

A poll by Superdrug also showed women spend an average of 30 minutes a month, or two-and-a-half weeks of their lifetime, working on their talons.

Gary Donoghue, fashion director at Superdrug, said: "You can tell a lot about someone from their nails, which is probably why women are spending so much time and money making sure theirs look good."

A CHOC DEFEAT FOR FLAG

BRITONS are more familiar with brand logos for items such as KitKats, Head & Shoulders shampoo and Jaguar than the Union Jack.

Only 76% recognised the flag compared with 81% for the Kit Kat design in a survey by ad agency VCCP.

VCCP boss Sophie Maund said: "There are a number of brands that have significant visual presence and strong recognition with the public."



WHATSITS: Our flag

Phone-trill tragedy

A RINGING telephone may have killed a teenager with an undetected heart condition.

Kasia Ber, 17, died in bed when the phone trilled early one morning last December.

In a letter to her Hartlepool inquest yesterday, her boyfriend, Scott Wheatley, said: "Kasia said my name and she was shaking slightly. I held her to comfort her and then I realised she had stopped breathing."

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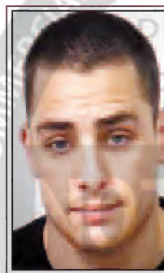
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YULE BE NICKED



WANTED:
First photo
is Craig
Aldridge



by LAURA NEIL

AN advent calendar of 24 most-wanted police suspects was launched on the internet yesterday.

Officers warn: "Yule be nicked" as windows in the website reveal a new face every day in the run-up to Christmas.

Police decided on the campaign after a trial run last year resulted in the arrests of 10 suspects. Detective Chief Inspector Linda Dawson, of Portsmouth CID, said: "This worked really well last year and people came forward with some vital information."

"I would urge you to contact us if you know the whereabouts of any of those in the calendar."

Present

"Help us to give victims a great Christmas present, these suspects traced and arrested."

The first window contained a picture and details of Craig Vincent Aldridge, 26, wanted for failure to answer bail after being questioned in connection with possession of heroin with intent to supply.

In October 2004, officers investigating the supply of heroin within Portsmouth seized 60g of the drug, worth £20,000.

Aldridge was arrested, questioned and released on police bail but did not return.

To check each advent window, you can visit www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/local-policing/advent.

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Cops' advent calendar of top suspects



Road kill runaway

A DRINK driver who killed six people was hiding in fear of his own life last night after being released from jail after serving just six years.

Peter Noble, 44, from Rotherham, South Yorks, got a record 15-year sentence - later cut to 10 - for killing a family and three of his pals during a 13-pint pub crawl, then fleeing the scene.

He is now in hiding after his victims' families said he "deserves to die".

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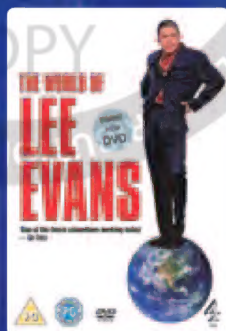
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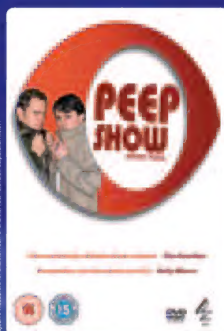
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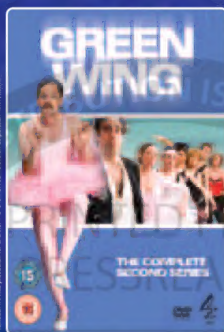
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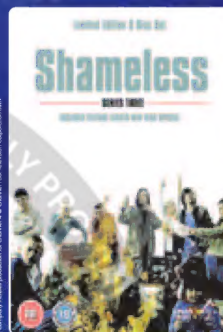
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Which comic has made £20m out of my TV quiz?

Jasper Carrott, final answer



HOST: Tarrant's still in charge

JASPER Carrott was laughing all the way to the bank last night after netting £20million from Chris Tarrant's Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?

The comic hit the jackpot after a Dutch company paid £106m for the worldwide rights to the hit quiz and other shows he has invested in.

Jasper, 61, and wife Hazel, 60, landed the huge windfall because he is a co-owner of programme-makers Celador, which sold the rights to 2waytraffic.

The success of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? hosted by Tarrant, 60 - and other shows like You Are What You Eat, has already seen the comedian build an estimated £35m fortune.

2waytraffic develops ways for TV viewers to interact with television shows by sending

■ by NIGEL PAULEY

in texts and phoning their premium lines. Under the deal, it is buying Celador International's parent company, Complete Communications Corporation, Knight Whitehill Productions and The River Studio, which together own the business, assets and rights to Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?

The show is licensed to more than 100 countries and is currently on air in 39. Its new owners said Tarrant would remain as the host for the UK version.

Fanatic

Millionaire's main creator Paul Smith said the deal with 2waytraffic was more than "purely financial" and capitalised on the surge in interactive TV formats.

He said: "Millionaire is very much our baby, so it was a matter of who would best look after it, share our philosophy and believe in it."

It had been rumoured Tarrant was lining up a £100m bid for the series with fellow Millionaire executives and US private equity firm Carlyle Group.

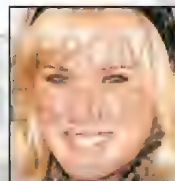
But 2waytraffic was the only party to declare its interest in public.

The firm was founded in 2004 by Kees Abrahams, Unico Glorie and Taco Ketelaar, all former executives of Endemol, the team behind Big Brother.

Jasper, father of The Office star Lucy Davis, 33, found fame in the 1970s with his hit Funky Moped and had huge success with his TV stand-up shows.

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THE LAST LAUGH: Jasper's luck is in



HORRIFIED: Kimberly

Rod not so sexy

KIMBERLY Stewart, 27, has revealed how rocker dad Rod, 61, used to embarrass her by picking her up from school - in skin-tight leopard print trousers and pink socks. Model Kim said: "I am proud of dad - but I used to cringe back then."

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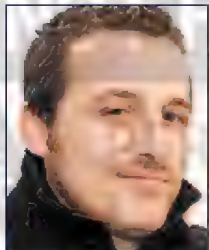
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Swear bear



ANGRY: Dad Roy Edensor

■ by JERRY LAWTON
A DAD was shocked when a teddy who hosts a kids' TV show swore at him.

Roy Edensor, 34, bought a talking Nev The Bear for his son for Christmas.

But he was stunned when the toy – based on the presenter of CBBC's Sunday morning show Smile – swore when he pressed its voice activator.

Roy, from Stafford, who bought the toy for four-year-old son Sebastian, said: "I started going through the cycle of

KIDS' TELLY TEDDY TURNS AIR BLUE

phrases and it suddenly said 'prick'.

"I couldn't believe my ears – £30 is a lot to pay to teach your children to swear."

He complained to Tesco bosses, who removed Nev – who has a spin-off show called Bear Behaving Badly – from

the store. A spokesman said: "The product was taken off the shelf as a precautionary measure."

Clive Jones, of toymakers Golden Bear, said Nev was saying "quick" and did not mean to cause offence.

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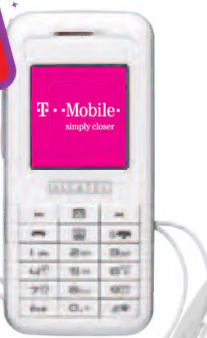
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DRUMMING UP CASH: Chef and tub-thumper Jamie

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Jamie's Bash

by NADINE LINGE

SUPER-CHEF Jamie Oliver cooked up a storm on the drums as he got some celebrity pals together for a charity bash.

The telly star, 31, rushed from kitchen to stage – still in his chef whites – after whipping up a traditional British dinner for guests.

Jamie has been playing drums with The Scarlet Division since he was a teenager and they featured on his show *The Naked Chef*.

Soul singer Lemar, 28, performed at the bash at the trendy Roadhouse venue in Camden, north London, where tables for 10 cost £5,000.

And TV babe Tess Daly, 35, tried her hand mixing cocktails. A spokesman for the night, in aid of Jamie's Fifteen Foundation and Great Ormond Street Hospital, said: "It was a chilled-out party and night of first-rate food and serious entertainment."



GRILLED SOUL: Lemar



DAILY STAR: Tess mixes cocktails at the charity do



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IT'S the reunion we've all been waiting for - That That are becoming a five-piece again live on TV tonight.

And guess who they chose to break the news to? Your Daily Star, of course!

The lads revealed all as I spent the week with them in the run-up to their hugely anticipated An Audience With... telly show.

But before you get too excited about the return of Robbie Williams, we've got a bombshell for you.

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It's veteran Lulu, 58, who'll be joining the foursome instead.

Mark Owen tells me: "We're really pleased that Lulu is joining us for Relight My Fire."

"The week has been spent rehearsing, alongside promotion for the new album."

But fans of the original Take That line-up should not despair of ever seeing Robbie, 32, join the lads on stage again. They are still in close contact with him. Mark,

By KIM DAWSON

34, adds: "We're not ruling out anything with Robbie. There's still a hope for us to do something with him in the future."

Take That mania has reached new heights this week, with the band looking set to top the album, single AND download charts simultaneously.

They're even getting ready to pass on top pop tips to the future X Factor winner after being lined up to appear on the show before the Christmas finale.

Mind you, their opinions on the acts vary. Gary Barlow, 35, insists: "Leona's the winner."

But Mark, 34, was disappointed to see Eton Road go out. "I like them - they're quite quirky."

Tonight's tribute will mark an amazing comeback for the lads, who first reunited last year for a "one-off" ITV special to look back at their glory days of 10 years ago.

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